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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence Awareness

Kayenta, Ariz. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an annual designation to shed light on violence against women and children. "Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence."

The three principal elements for DVAM's focus are to provide an endless plight to those that have died because of domestic violence. Also to celebrate life to those that have survived and continue to live and enjoy life. And those that are in the trenches to continue to bring awareness to end Domestic Violence. "The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children." (DVAM)

"In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law

101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month." (National Resource Center on Domestic Violence).

Tonya is a 32 years old Native American woman, with two children; she has a college degree working as a manager. She rarely sees her husband, she knows of his infidelity. Although she knows of resources that are available to her, she afraid of what her peers may think. Often, she feels like it is all her fault that her husband is not there to support the family, she has contemplated suicide and feels she's slipping into a depression. On the outside, Tonya seems to be a successful manager, she's articulate, and a sense of humor often comes in early to work on projects. In the past year, her life has dramatically changed. Her husband lost his job, and he started drinking and been known to be away for days at a time. (SEE DV Page 4)



Kayenta, Ariz. June 18, 2016 - Kayenta Field Activities scheduled all day on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Surrounding communities all came out to participate in the 2016 Kayenta Field Day and Music Festival.



Field Day 2016

Kayenta, Ariz. – It is only 8:15 am. A midsummer morning on an early June weekend. One can only hear a rumbling of an engine somewhere off in the distance. It's something you usually don't hear on a Saturday morning. You may think this is a construction site. Rather, it's the rumbling of a water truck filling up earth pits. The water truck blares off for another load as more people begin to make their way towards the Kayenta Softball field to sign up for the 2016 Kayenta Field Day events. So far, there are several water pits, set up as obstacle courses for the Mud Run scheduled later this morning. This is a scene that takes place every year during the month of June. The Kayenta Township staff begins planning for this fun-filled community event. The coordination and planning efforts start as early as February and everything comes together by the mid-June. Every year more people attend as the event is growing exponentially. There is a lot of planning

that goes into strategizing for Field Day. KTC employees are tasked to coordinate each event. They work with a minimal budget and rely heavily on volunteers, which are usually family members.

It's mid-afternoon. The children are fed and the parents are cleaning mud from their shoes and replacing dirty tee-shirts with a new fresh tee-shirt displaying "2016 Kayenta Field Day." As people are leaving, we hear another rumbling from a nearby tent. Young folks that enjoy rock music come to the Music Festival. All in all, 2016 Kayenta Field Day is officially in the books.

People from all over come to this event because they have heard about it through word of mouth or on the Kayenta Township Facebook site. The Facebook site has a huge following, and it is updated almost daily with local and regional information which may be of direct interest to the community. Currently, the KTC Facebook page has about 76,000 followers. The Kayenta Facebook page posts some

crucial and exciting information. Behind this FB sites, administrators can view statistics. The information shows diagrams of how many people are clicking to the site. Details reveal what time of day, from which city, and from which country. Yes, Kayenta Township Facebook page is viewed by villagers in Sweden and as far as Johannesburg, South Africa. Stats show 35-45% of the followers are female between the ages of 25 - 45 years of age. Only about 25% of the fans are male. The site is active from 8:00 am to about 6:00 pm Monday through Friday and slows down on weekends. Stats also show that more followers are visiting from their mobile devices. In addition to this new wave of development and promotions, KTC has dived into video marketing. The integration of this new technology has become easier for people who have access to social media. This combination allows for more advertisement and most of all, crucial information on updates, closures and up to the minute reporting.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES:

- Tuesday, October 18th: Luncheon for Probation/Court
- Friday, October 21st: Residents' Pampering Day
- Saturday, October 22nd: Trail Ride Against DV
- Wednesday, October 26th: Candle Light Vigil & Awareness Walk
- Monday, October 31st: Cookout & Purple Ribbon Campaign

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TOWN MANAGER'S

MESSAGE

by Gabriel Yazzie
Kayenta, Ariz. In the past several months our community has seen a lot of activity going on in Kayenta. We saw the dilapidated Field House which was broken into, vandalized and put ablaze numerous times be demolished. We are looking into the possibility of bringing in a new wellness center to the community of Kayenta where the old Field House stood. I have been in close communication with Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Program to bring this much needed facility to our community. The Kayenta Township Commission has set aside \$206,000.00 to be utilized as matching funds towards the construction of a new wellness center here in Kayenta.

You may have also noticed that we have removed many more dilapidated and unsafe structures in the community of Kayenta. A lot of these structures were either deemed extremely unsafe to use and/or live in. People were breaking into many of these buildings and making fires, drinking, doing drugs or doing other undesirable activities in these build-

ings. Many of you in the community of Kayenta have children who walk to school in the morning, or have kids who do after school activities. So hopefully parents will have a little bit more peace of mind knowing that our children are safer with these buildings and the activities that went on inside them gone. We at the Kayenta Township still have a lot more work to do in our community to make it safe for all of our children and residents. Kayenta has had two organized community trash pick-up events which is part of the Kayenta Township "Keep Kayenta Beautiful" campaign. We have had several community members take part in this event and show their support and pride for our community of Kayenta.

I would like to acknowledge Eugene Charley for picking up trash not only around his home site but for reaching out and cleaning well beyond his home site area.

The Kayenta Township is currently a recipient of the Arlene Luther Environment Excellence Award, which recognizes the continued effort of individuals, groups, communities and businesses in following Arlene

Luther's legacy.

October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month", so I would like to state that Domestic Violence shouldn't be tolerated by anyone.

It is currently noted on the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence web page that in America, one woman is fatally shot by a spouse, ex-spouse or dating partner every 14 hours. This is an astounding number and can be drastically lowered if these acts of violence are reported or stopped before they happen. Domestic Violence can come in many forms, and no one should have to put up with any type abuse related to domestic violence. I would like to encourage everyone in our community to take a stand against domestic violence. If you see family, relatives, friends or anyone who are a victim of domestic violence, I strongly encourage you to report it or intervene immediately.

I am looking forward to this coming season and year with the many planned projects and events that we have coming up.



Ms. Whitethorne is a member of the Navajo Nation. Her clans are Tsi'naajinii nili - Black Streaked Wood; Tabqahá yáshchiín - Edgewater; Tódich'ii'nii - Bitterwater dabicheii; Bilagaana dabináli.

KAYENTA HEALTH CENTER NEW CEO

Kayenta, Ariz. It is with great pleasure to announce the selection of Ms. Priscilla "Patti" Whitethorne, RD, MHSA, MA, as the Chief Executive Officer of the Kayenta Service Unit. Ms. Whitethorne's entry on duty (EOD) at the Kayenta Service Unit will be September 6, 2016. She is originally from Tuba City, Arizona.

Positions previously held by Ms. Whitethorne include serving as the Chief Executive Officer for the Sells Service Unit, within the Tucson Area, for nearly 12 years.

She additionally served as Acting Tucson Area Director, Administrative Officer for Tuba City and Chinle Service Units, Health Center Director for Native Americans for Community Action in Flagstaff and as the HPDP Director for Winslow I.H.S.

She began her work career in 1983 working for the Navajo Nation W.I.C. program. Patti received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics, with a minor in Chemistry, and a Master of Arts degree in Education with emphasis in Counseling from Northern Arizona University.

She also received a Master of Science degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University and is a Registered Dietitian.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Whitethorne to her new position and I am sure that she is eager to get acquainted with each of you to learn more about your program operations.

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Navajo Generating Station enjoys another outstanding year in 2016

by George Hardeen.
Page, Ariz. The Navajo Generating Station in LeChee enjoyed another outstanding year in fiscal year 2016, keeping its employees safe on the job, meeting all its power performance goals and seeing work progress on a major environmental impact statement. NGS began the year with a \$47 million overhaul of Unit 2, part of its regular maintenance program. The amount of work completed in an overhaul is phenomenal, said NGS Maintenance Manager Shayne Jones.

"At one point we had close to 1,300 people out here working on the overhaul," he said.

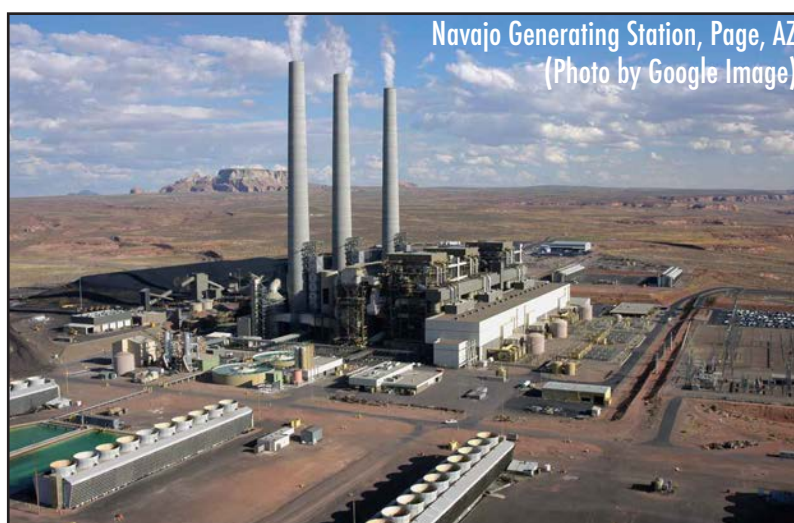
NGS overhauls provide a huge financial boost for the several hundred Navajo men and women who return home to do the work. More than 95 percent of the temporary workers hired by main contractor

Zachry are Navajo.

Anthony Descheenie, a worker with Zachry Safety who is originally from Cornfields, Ariz., said this was his seventh year working the overhaul.

"Financially, it's very important," Descheenie said. "Like all the

In a major overhaul, one of NGS's three 750-megawatt turbines and generators is completely disassembled, inspected, repaired where needed and reassembled to specification. The boiler, boiler feed pumps, auxiliary turbines, precipitator and many dozens of



other construction workers, I travel cross-country sometimes to look for work. I like it because it's Navajo preference, and that's good for my people here." This year's overhaul saw the completion of about 14,400 individual tasks - using 379,845 man-hours - to do the work, Jones said.

other pieces of equipment are torn down to their essential components and rebuilt.

All of the unit's instrumentation is recalibrated to ensure accuracy and precision. All ducts, fans, pumps, steam lines and valves are inspected and repaired to last until the next overhaul.

In July, NGS welcomed Navajo educator and medicineman Johnson Dennison of Round Rock, Ariz., to discuss safety from the Navajo perspective. The idea was to hear about safety through Navajo teachings, philosophy and humor so familiar to NGS employees - and much of it in the Navajo language. NGS Plant Manager Joe Frazier said the goal at NGS is zero accidents. "We're promoting a culture of looking out for one another and seeing that everyone goes home to their families the same way they came to work," he said, "Our priority is that every task and every job needs to be done safely."

Safety is the No. 1 priority at NGS, even more than power production. In 2015, Salt River Project's Base-load Generation Group started a program to re-dedicate its commitment to safety and further instill a culture of safety into everything it does. A program called S.A.F.E. was created. It stands for: Safety trumps production. Accept accountability for working safely. Family and loved ones deserve to have us home injury-free. Everyone is

responsible for the safety of those around them.

NGS ends the year with the public comment phase of a major environmental impact statement, or EIS, that was produced in coordination with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and several other agencies.

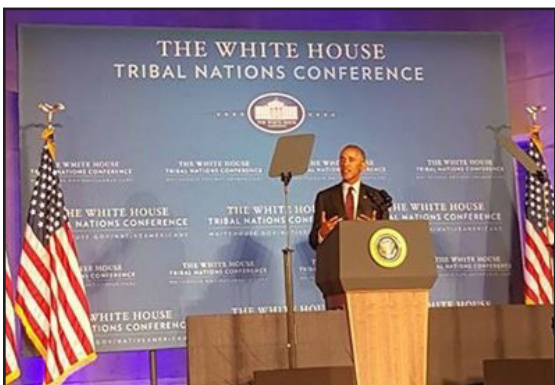
Public hearings be held Oct. 25 in Page, Oct. 26 in LeChee and Tuba City, Oct. 27 in Shonto, Nov. 1 in Kayenta, Nov. 3 in Pinon and Nov. 4 in Window Rock.

The EIS is based on the best available scientific information and analyses to evaluate potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of extending the operation of NGS and the Kayenta Mine from 2020 through 2044. The technical analyses and draft EIS concluded that the continued operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine will meet or exceed all federal regulatory requirements and environmental standards.

In 2017, NGS will continue to strive to be a good neighbor to the Navajo Nation and an excellent employer to its 450 Navajo workers.



Washington D.C., L - R: Valencia Begay and Triston Black. Navajo Nation Youth Council Delegate.



Washington, D.C., Barrack Obama, POTUS, address Native American students at Tribal Nations Conference.

Navajo Nation Youth Council Update: By Triston Black, Navajo Nation Youth Council

Washington, D.C. As representative, of the Navajo Nation Youth Council, I had the privilege to travel to Washington D.C. and meet with tribal leaders, youths, and the President of the United States of America, President Obama, in person. With this experience, it opened my eyes to respect my people, land, and culture. It showed me that being a Navajo; I am very fortunate for our Navajo language & culture, which is taught here at home, but we need more of that in our schools and educational system.

I took the opportunity to speak to several youths, and they wished they had their language and culture, but they don't know where to find resources.

It's amazing that at one time; our ancestors walked this territory.

Our Navajo people have been through a lot and tough times, but we managed to overcome them with our prayers. I will continue the good fight to protect our waters, land, and language. Teachings our younger people to speak Navajo and know their traditional ways is important to me. To be on a real path of love and not hate.

I want to thank those who brought Valencia and me to witness one of America's greatest President who has kept his word throughout Indian Country. Now that we have gained knowledge let's go out to the Navajo Nation and get to work. Ahe'hee'



Kayenta, Ariz. Valencia M. Blackhorse works as a cashier at Navajo Oil and Gas Company, she is also Miss Western Agency.



Kayenta, Ariz. Valencia M. Blackhorse - Miss Western Agency. 2015-2106.

Miss Western Navajo: Ends her Reign

Kayenta, Ariz. Ya'a'teesh, shike'doo shidine'e. It has been a tremendous journey as your 2015-2016 Miss Western Navajo representing my family, myself and my community.

I met so many people during my travels with my mother, father and my little brother. Before I begin, my name is Valentina M. Blackhorse, and my clans are Red Bottom People, born for the Folded Arms People, my maternal grandfather is of the Bitter Water, and my paternal grandfather is of the Red Running into the Water.

This is how I identify myself as young Navajo woman. I reside in Kayenta, Arizona with my dad he is from Red Point Flat on top of Baby Rocks, and my mom is from Rough Rock, Arizona.

First and foremost, this whole experience wouldn't have been possible without the

wisdom and guidance of my parents and my late paternal grandmother because my platform surrounds how I was brought up as a child and even today. My platform was about encouraging the Navajo people to continue on our Navajo heritage because it's something we firmly need. Instead of saying "Our culture is dying" or "Our language is dead" to influential kids, we need to encourage them because even the little things matter (Ya'a'teesh, their clans, etc.) because that's how we learn and later on, our culture and language will be healthy again.

My second platform was taking the "Just say no to drugs and alcohol" campaign to encourage the kids, teenagers, adult to refrain from doing those because we each have a healthy life, a good life and we much take care of ourselves. Also, it's a big issue not only in our community but others as well.

The third platform was about family importance because within the Navajo culture, Ke' plays a big part of who we are, every Navajo has a big family. We have so many teaching coming from our parents, grandparents, aunt, etc. and its past down to generations. The fourth is education because it's something that we all need, rather its western education or traditional education.

I encourage other that we can succeed in anything we put our minds too because, with a dream, we are allowed infinite possibilities. Especially with our youth, their minds are molding into what they want to become, rather it be an educator, entrepreneur, political position, etc.

Lastly, thank you to everyone for their support, words of encouragement and donation. As always, my reign is dedicated to my parents and my late paternal grandmother, Bessie Lee Begay. Ahe'hee!

VETERAN'S CORNER



Delphine Clitso-Francis: Commander



Terry Donald: Vice-Commander



SGT at Arms: Travis Rock

The Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs is a department under the Division of Human Resources under the executive branch of the Navajo Nation Government that provides services to Navajo Veterans.

In the year 1971, Chairman Peter McDonald established and funded the Department to further the Navajo Veterans' cause through the development and enactment of a Plan-of-Operation for the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs whose purposes include seeking funds to compliment Navajo Nation funds to serve Navajo Veterans.

Kayenta Veterans Organization (KVO) is a sub-committee of Tuba City Agency. KVO, elected new officials for the upcoming year. KVO hold thier meetings every month at the Kayenta Chapter House. For More Information on KVO meeting, you can call the Kayenta Chapter at 928.697.5520.

Other Information online at: Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 430 Window Rock, Arizona, 86515

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When he is home, he would belittle her, make rude and judgmental statements. His behavior would go from a loving person into a violent rage; he started hitting her.

These are the types of narratives most victims harbor, most often are not shared because of the sensitive and cruel nature of the circumstances.

According to a study by Maze of Injustice: The Failure to Protect Indigenous Women from Sexual Violence in the USA. Amnesty International, 2007, writes "Violence against Indian women occurs as a gauntlet in the lives of Indian women: at one end verbal abuse and at the other murder. Most Indian women do not report such crimes because of the belief that nothing will be done."

A brief overview of 'The Facts on Violence Against American Indian/Alaska Native Women' says women of American Indian descent face a far more dramatic and unique experience because there is a lack of insufficient data. It's believed there is no comprehensive data under tribal jurisdiction, which almost does not exist. Underreporting of crime to tribal and federal authorities "remain elusive, the glimpse that emerges from existing data collection is grim."

Children also suffer the consequences of Domestic Violence, in a recent journal, reveals "The number of American Indian children and adolescents reporting depression and suicidal ideation is a significant cause for concern

in the United States." says Olson, L.M. & Wahab, S. (2006) American Indian and suicide: A neglected area of research. Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 7(19), 19-33.

On September 30, 2015, the President of the United States, Barack Obama issued a Proclamation that October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In the announcement, he calls on "all Americans to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need."

So, when we reflect on the problems on the Navajo Nation – youth suicide, depression, and alcoholism – perhaps we need to focus more on the causes, one of which is certainly violence within families.

And this month, let's make a pledge to do more than reflect. If you see an instance of domestic violence, call the police. If you know a victim of domestic violence, urge him or her to get help – and then support their efforts. If you are able, make a donation of time or money to one of the shelters on the reservation: ADABI in Chinle, the Shiprock Home for Women and Children, or the Tohdenasshai Shelter in Kayenta.

The resources on the Navajo Nation are few, but they are there. The people fighting domestic violence are few, but they are passionate.

This month, consider what you can do to help them stem this ugly tide. And then do it.



Window Rock, Ariz. August 20, 2016 Navajo Code Talker Day. Navajo Code Talkers sharing a hug. Dan Akee, Tuba City, Ariz. and Samuel Holiday, Kayenta, Ariz.



Kayenta, Ariz. New homes under construction, part of a newly 40 homes being developed by Navajo Housing Authority. (photo courtesy of Christian Bigwater, NHA).



Kayenta, Ariz. Navajo Housing Authority Board members take a tour of the newly developed homes in Kayenta on October 06, 2016 (photo courtesy of Christian Bigwater, NHA).

NHA Board tours 40 units in Kay- enta currently being constructed under NHA Public Rental program by Christian Bigwater

KAYENTA, Ariz. – On Oct. 6, the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners had the opportunity to tour a modernization project currently under development in Kayenta, Ariz. The \$10,850,000 project, as known as AZ12-50, is a demolition and rebuild of 40 public rental units.

The project was designed by Leon Shirley Architects and constructed by Souers Construction, Inc and consists of thirty 1-bedroom units and ten 2-bedroom units. Other aspects of the project include new utilities, sewer main lines, streets, sidewalks, and 13 pads for future development.

NHA Board of Commissioner member Ben Johnson represents the Arizona Tenants and took part in the tour. "It's good, I think it's (units) well put together," said Commissioner Johnson. "The council keeps asking us where is all the construction so this is one of the areas that we are showcasing - this is

what NHA is doing."

Western Agency representative and Vice- Chair of the NHA Board Asa Begaye also took part in the tour.

"On behalf of the communities in the western agency, specifically Kayenta, I just wanted to thank NHA and the local community for addressing the housing need," said Commissioner Begaye. "It's a good feeling to see work in progress and what's nice about it is that 100 percent of the 64 man work force is Navajo with 32 workers sourced directly from Kayenta."

"I think that really perpetuates our efforts to create local employment and impact the community economically," Commissioner Begaye added.

The project was broken into two phases. Phase I included the demolition of 40 townhouse style public rental units which were previously located on the project site. "The units that were on the site were built in the 1980's and were outdated," said Senior Development Coordinator Robert Sandoval. "Remediation of those structures included the demolition and rebuild of new units which upon completion will be up to code."

Phase II began on July 10 with the construction of 40 new units to be built on

the existing site.

"We are working with Souers Construction who are experienced working with the unique FlexCrete blocks which are used throughout the exterior walls of the units," said NHA Project Manager Wesley Begay. "FlexCrete is lightweight fiber-reinforced aerated concrete block produced by the fly ash which is a by-product of coal-fired electric or steam generating plants."

"The FlexCrete product, is extremely energy efficient with an R Value ranging from 19 to 24 for an 8" block, providing exceptional insulation which in turn reduces energy consumption," Begay added. "Other benefits of the product include; fire resistance, durable, acoustical advantages, environmentally sound, mold proof and resistance to pests."

The township has been actively involved in the project from the design development stages and it has been great to coordinate with them to develop homes for the Navajo People said Begay.

As part of the project, the NHA pays a 5 percent tax that benefits the Kayenta Township. The project is scheduled for completion by Mar. 9 of next year.

Navajo Nation EPA provide a ‘Teach- In’ at Chinle Chapter:by Fredrick Sherman Chinle, Ariz.

Trash! Let’s talk trash for a moment! How do we tackle trash issues from across the Navajo Nation? It is a growing problem which grows proportionately with each home site lease approval and development, with NHA community housing development, and ultimately with the ever increasing population growth on the Navajo Nation. We all produce trash: it is a fact!! Every time you purchase goods from the store, the by-product of the goods you buy generate trash, i.e., - styro-foam packaging, plastic bags, etc. So

what’s the solution? What can I do to be part of the solution? Such questions were asked, some of which was rhetorical, as food for thought, to generate further questions and conservations, with the intent to bring innovative, creative, solutions to a common problem – trash. The daylong Environmental Teach-In on Solid Waste, held at Chinle Chapter House in September was the occasion where meaningful dialogue occurred, as facilitated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Program of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. The environmental teach-in in Chinle was the second time it was held, the first inception was at Houck Chapter House. Future events at various chap-

ter houses is available at the request of the chapter community. The primary intent of the environmental teach-in is to bring people together who are addressing solid waste issues in their respective communities, to come to the table with information about - what works, what didn’t work, overcoming obstacles, generating volunteerism, waste hauling disposal logistics, safety considerations, using social media, crowd sourcing, enforcement alternatives, solid waste codes, technical training and support, trash audit. The end result, is to have all participants to network and support each other in addressing on-going trash issues. The free event public is coming to your nearest chapter house. Come to learn. Come with solutions.



Chinle, Ariz. Bradley Boaz Blair, Public Works Supervisor provides information regarding Kayenta Transfer Station during the Navajo Nation Environmental Teach-In on Solid Waste at Chinle Chapter House on October 4, 2016.

Kayenta Community Beautification Grant

Kayenta, Ariz. The Kayenta Township Commission approved the 2017 budget to include the Kayenta Community Beautification Grant. This Grant is to support qualified local businesses, non-profits and organizations in the Kayenta Township community. The grant was established to provide fi-

nancial support to local businesses and organizations to enhance the exterior appearance or properties within Kayenta. Allocated funding is \$100,000 for two or more grant awards. The objectives of the grant are to assist businesses and organizations to make permanent upgrades to their property, to contribute to the beautification of Kayenta and to en-

hance the quality of life and well-being for the residents of Kayenta by increasing the aesthetic appeal of streets and neighborhoods. Solicitation of the grant will be mailed to local businesses and will be available on the Kayenta Township web page once the grant is officially announced For general information, please call 928-697-8451.



Kayenta, Ariz. ‘Run for Success’ Fun Walk and 5k Run event to provide backpacks to students going back to school.



Kayenta, Ariz. Frontier Communication provided donations for the 2016 ‘Run for Success’ Backpack giveaway. Frontier employee at Kayenta Township.



Kayenta, Ariz. Township Employee, Chris Atene, gives out water to Runners at the First Annual ‘Run for Success’ Fun Walk and 5K Run and Back to School Backpack giveaway.

Kayenta Field House & Recreation Center Era Memoirs

By Eugene Charley

Kayenta, Ariz. - Some of the memorable events in the past 30 years or so are the fundraising activities our group was involved in from the 1970s through the 1990s at the Kayenta Field House and Recreation Center.

The Eugene Charley Championship Bull Riding School was the contractor and promoter with major country/western artist during their prime.

Gary Stewart, was a favorite. He packed the Field House every time he came to Kayenta with his Drug Store Cowboys Band. Stewart brought crossover country music to Kayenta. He sold out all of his six performances in the Kayenta Field House.

Moe Bandy, was just getting started in the country music business when he performed in Kayenta. He was becoming a Super Star with a new country music sound. His perfor-

mances great.

Earl Thomas Conley, was on top of the country music world when he arrived to perform, he was super! Conley played for the Too'dii'nazzee' (Kayenta) 4th of July Celebration Rodeo & Dance. A Full house, 1984.

Tommy Overstreet, with his rich baritone voice, was an established superstar when he came to Kayenta in 1976. He played for the Indian Junior Rodeo Association (IJRA) Awards Night and Dance; standing room only!

Southern Pacific, when they came to Kayenta, they were on top of the world. Kayenta Championship Rodeo group presented them. This was in the 80s.

Susan Raye, female country artist, she performed in a world class venue. She was a sensational act. She came with her family; this was in the late 1970s.

Kenny Price, a world class country artist and comedy act from Hee Haw television show, he was funny and entertaining. He dressed as a clown when he performed. He performed for the Kayenta Championship Rodeo dance in the

80s.

Sammi Smith, was a crowd favorite she performed to an SRO audience for the KCR group. She performed with Apache Spirit in the 1980s.

Johnny Rodriguez (No Show), according to his road management he got snowed in in Colorado and did not show-up. At the time Rodriguez was at the top of country music in the 1980s.

The cost to bring major acts in those days was affordable. The promotion had to be 'just right' to make a profit for your event. It is risky but 'planning and promoting' were keys for success. All of our events were successful and SRO.

The country music superstars we brought to Kayenta by our group was for fundraising for the events we presented in the community. To help pay for activities such as rodeo, bull riding, bull riding school, raise funds for IJRA junior rodeo and awards, and AIRCA awards. We gave a lot of money to field house over the years for upkeep and repairs. I recall we

gave the fieldhouse management \$4,500 after a Gary Stewart concert and dance.

Our fundraising group also brought many Navajo Nation country music bands such as the ever famous Wingate Valley Boys, Apache Spirit, Kayenta Undecided Takers, Fenders II, Borderline, Memory Makers, Stone Country, and others in those 30 years. I recall a New Year's Eve country western dances with Memory Makers and Stone Country that drew nearly 700 people to the Recreation Center. The funds helped us put on community events. And a Thanksgiving battle of the bands that raised a lot of money. Stone Country is one of the best country/western bands on the Navajo Nation and a past battle of the band's winner on the Rez.

I am sure there are other memorable events presented by other Kayenta event groups. Kayenta Field House and Rec Center is historic. I recall basketball tournaments and comedy shows in the building that benefited worthy causes.

2016 Navajo County Fair - Spur up Some Fun.

By Elissa McBride

Kayenta, Ariz. Fried food, rodeos, concerts and of course the carnival is what most come to mind when we think fair; however, for the livestock exhibitors, it's all about the ribbons, banners, and buckles. At the 85th Annual Navajo County Fair and Monument Valley FFA "Spurred Up Some Fun" and amazing outcomes as a result of all the months of hard work. On Tuesday, September 13th, 15 of Monument Valley FFA members loaded their nine head of cattle, five goats, four lambs, and one pig to head to Holbrook for the county fair.

Wednesday kicked off the Open Livestock Show, and our kids did not let us down. Monument Valley FFA swept the beef barn with an enormous appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Madson for their cattle. Summer of 2015 during the MV FFA Veterinary Science Camp we bred the Madson's cows to the top notch Angus bull "Denver" using Artificial Insemination (AI). Those February-born calves were offered to our members to show at various livestock

shows. Within one month, students began a feed trial on the calves along with halter breaking, teaching how to lead, show, wash, clip and fit to be ready to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Judge, Jason McPeak of Oklahoma was impressed with the kids and the quality of the cattle that he had no other choice but to award Mylena Singer as the Senior Beef Showman and the Supreme Female. Cody Malala's bull, a grandson of "Denver," was awarded Supreme Bull and Tyler Lake's bull calf was awarded Champion Bull Calf. Nicholette Brady showed the Champion Prospect Steer. In the Novice Beef Showmanship, Travis McBride was Champion Novice Beef Showman. The open cattle kids all worked well together far surpassing our expectations were: Tanisha Begay, Nizhoni Begay, Kyla Cooley & Leshawnia Sullivan. Raquel White Hair and Tristin Bedoni exhibit their breeding ewes in the Open Sheep Breeding Show. Raquel White Hair's lamb won the Senior Ewe Lamb Class and was also recognized as the Senior Sheep Showman while 4th grader Tristin Bedoni was 4th in the Yearling Ewe Class and 3rd Novice Sheep Showman. In the Open Goat Show, Jessica Jones exhibited "JJ" and they placed 3rd together in showmanship while Travis McBride had the Champion

Open Market Goat.

The Junior Livestock show began Thursday morning with the Market Goat Show. Joann Salt's received Champion Navajo County Bred & Fed Market Goat and placed 3rd in Novice Goat Showmanship while Travis McBride took 4th place in the Novice Goat Showmanship. Sandy McCabe with her goat "Winchester" was 3rd in the Senior Goat Showmanship. In the Sheep Show, Johanna Hawley and her 161-pound ewe lamb "Gingere" worked hard and did exceptionally well; they placed as the 4th best lamb overall and 4th in Senior Sheep Showmanship. Tanner and his 1190-pound steer "Jaa'ii" took the title of Novice Beef Showmanship they were awarded Reserve Champion. "Ed" the pig and her owner Trinity Gowan placed 6th in the lightweight market hog show and an impressive 4th in Senior Pig Showmanship.

Friday is the hardest day for our kids because that is when they finally realize that this is the end of the road and their everyday lives as they have come to know for so many of the past month (ownership of the market animals begins for most in April, but for some it was January). The days of feeding, exercis-

ing, grooming, cleaning pens and weekly show practice is officially over...at least until their next animal comes home. The Monument Valley FFA livestock exhibitors would like to thank ALL their buyers: MV FFA Buyers Club, Lake Powell Construction, Hatch Motor Company, Arizona Oil & Gas & Captain Tony's Pizza.

Monument Valley FFA members also logged over 60 hours community service hours during the Navajo County Fair helping with the Lil' Buckaroo Rodeo. With great support systems of amazing parents and family members to teachers and administrators and the communities, endless support Monument Valley FFA could not be "spurred" to where it is today. Mark your calendars for the 2017 Navajo County Fair!



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A collection of wool spinning tools and materials. In the center is a large wooden spinning wheel with a green bobbin. To its left is a smaller wooden spinning wheel with a yellow bobbin. A ball of dark grey wool sits in front of the large wheel. To the right is a yellow book. Various skeins and balls of wool in different colors (brown, grey, white) are scattered around the tools.

A close-up photograph of a small, shaggy, grey, woolly creature. The creature has a thick, textured body of grey wool. Its head is made of a piece of brown cardboard, with a clear plastic cup rim attached as an eye. There are some black markings on the cardboard head. The creature is resting on a light-colored, textured surface.

A photograph of four Native American students, two in red regalia and two in blue, standing behind a podium. They are smiling and appear to be performing or speaking. The background shows a wall with a large poster titled "THE KAVINIA TOWNSHIP" and a framed picture.

A woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a yellow short-sleeved top, is smiling and speaking into a microphone at a wooden podium. To her left, another woman in a black shirt is looking down at a device on the podium. In the background, several people are seated, watching the presentation. The room has white walls, a wooden door, and some posters on the wall.

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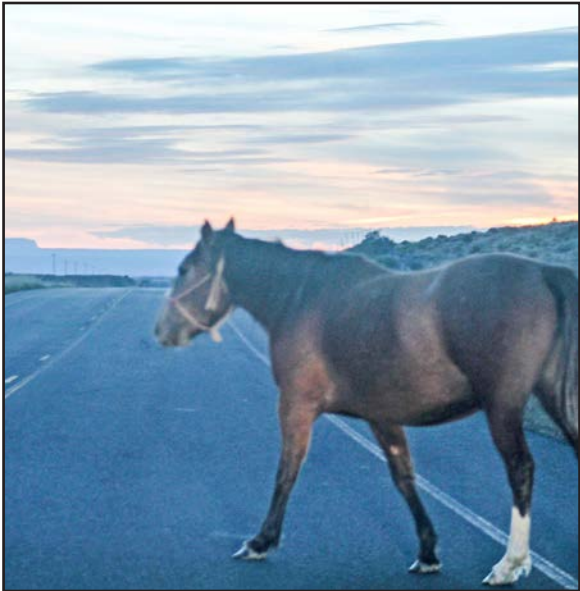
COMMUNITY & LOCAL BUSINESSES



Chilchinbeto, Ariz. Horses in the area have caused accidents. Horses are running wild in and around the Navajo Nation. More and more accidents are caused by stray livestock.



Kayenta, Ariz. Horses can be seen at Vendor Village because they are drawn towards hay vendors. Most horses wonder into the area to eat hay that have been dropped on the ground.



Chinle, Ariz. Horses that are not kept in corral will often stray out into roadways and causing accidents. Most animals are hit early morning or late at night.

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Navajo tourism studies have revealed that a majority of Navajoland visitors come to the Navajo Nation to see its scenery and often return for a second visit. Visitors can enjoy an array of Navajo tribal parks, national parks, museums, tribal fairs, year-round Navajo cultural events, rodeos, hunting and fishing.

To add to the showcase of Navajo adventures, visitors can now add walking, hiking and running to their list. Within the past several months, the Navajo Nation has been working diligently with various partners to develop new venues and activities for outdoor recreation enthusiasts who specifically enjoy hiking and running. The Navajo Nation has some of the finest and stellar outdoor hiking and running trails in the world for people

who have a love for the outdoors. Feel the warmth and feel the welcome. Marvel and embrace the timeless beauty of the Navajo people and relaxing atmosphere of Mother Nature. So take serenity to a whole new level and mark your calendar to participate in two new outdoor events on the northern outskirts of the Navajo Nation. On Saturday, October 29th there will be an event called the Natsaan Trail Ultra, which is a 50-mile marathon that will begin from Navajo Mountain Chapter House to Rainbow Bridge and back.

On Saturday, November 19th, there will be a Monument Valley Marathon at Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. The half marathon and full marathon begins at 10 a.m.

On December 8-11th, also a first-time event, there will be a four-state marathon called the Four Corners Quad Keyah Marathon Challenge. On four separate days, runners will run in Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado and end at Four Corners Monument. Thursday, December 8th will be Arizona, Friday is Utah, Saturday is Colorado and Sunday is New Mexico. For information about these hiking and running events, contact www.navajoyes.org

The Navajo Nation is also home to a new hiking and running trail called the Navajo Nation Museum Trail in Window Rock, Arizona. The trail begins from the Navajo Nation Museum and heads north and ends at the Window Rock Navajo Tribal Veterans Memorial Park.

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PUBLIC WORKS



Kayenta, Ariz. KTC Dump trucks are given a new look. Artwork on side of vehicles are given a fresh coat of messages to Keep Community Clean. The dump truck stands out while on the road and taking trash to local landfills.



Kayenta, Ariz. Kayenta Airport weed and grass need to be cut every now and then. Lawnmowers are taken out to airport to give a fresh look and also keep weed down for airplanes to land. Clifton Clark, mowing grass at Kayenta Airport.



Kayenta, Ariz. During the Summer, Public Works Department have been working on maintaining some of the streets. Shown is Bradley Boaz Blair cutting asphalt for repairs.

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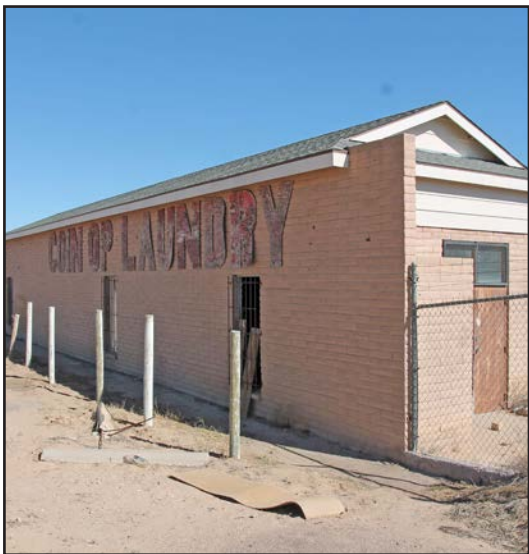
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Kayenta, Ariz. Kayenta Township Vendor Village has been bringing more people to vend this summer. Wytana Reed-Reddy, KTC Vendor Village Fee Collector collects fees from Vendors at Kayenta Township Vendor Village. Vendor Village has gone through an extensive makeover. Each Wednesday more and more people are coming to Kayenta to Vend.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Kayenta, Ariz. The old Coin-Op Laundramat located near the Kayenta Trialer Park is scheduled to be demolished in the month of November 2016.



Kayenta, Ariz. Massive clean-up of weeds and trash are the main focus this summers. Employees did weed control throughout the Kayenta Community. Controlling weed in the area is a lot of work the summer.



Kayenta, Ariz. A new Cedar Fence was constructed in and around the Division of Public Safety facilities, the fence is part of Kayenta Township Beautification Project. The project is ongoing. You can see the fence near US Highway 163.



Kayenta, Ariz. a One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand gallon water tank was constructed in the Kayenta Department of Public Safety facilities near the Navajo Corrections and the new Police Department. Mark Joseph, Building Inspector following through with project.



Kayenta, Ariz. A crew inspect the airport landing strip. A walk through with KTC Building Inspector and Project Coordinator assist with inspection of final walk through, making sure work is done properly.



Kayenta, Ariz. Most of the trees have bloomed in the areas, some of the trees did not make it through, plans are to have trees replaced with new ones. The trees and gravel are all part of the KTC Beautification Project.



Kayenta, Ariz. Tyler Glasses, Project Coordinator and contrator observe during the demolition of the old Kayenta Recreation Building. The demolition project is complete and area is safe to the general public.



Kayenta, Ariz. A new development proposed by Navajo Nation Shopping Center is to build a new Taco Bell in the area where the old Visitor Center once stood. The Visitor Center was demolished in Spring of 2016. The new Taco Bell is scheduled for construction fall of 2016. The The new development is located between McDonald's and Burger King. Currently, there are ten restaurants in the Kayenta area.



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